IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 10 to 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend Claims 1 to 9, 15 and 18, as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus comprising:

an instruction input unit, arranged to input ~~means for inputting~~ a manual instruction by the operator;

a process unit, arranged to execute ~~means for executing~~ a predetermined process based on the input by said instruction input unit ~~means~~;

a connection unit, arranged to connect ~~means for connection~~ with an external device;

a display unit, arranged to display ~~means for displaying~~ information based on data received from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~;

a discrimination unit, arranged to discriminate ~~means for discriminating~~ whether the input by said instruction input unit ~~means~~ has not been executed for a predetermined period after said instruction input unit inputs a predetermined instruction; and

a control unit, arranged to cause ~~means for causing~~ said display unit ~~means~~ to execute display based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~, in case said discrimination unit discriminated ~~means judges~~ that the input by said instruction input unit ~~means~~ has not been executed for the predetermined period.

2. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display unit ~~means~~ displays a display image frame different for each process function executed by said process unit ~~means~~, and said control unit ~~means~~ controls the display based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~, according to the display image frame for which the information is intended.

3. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said display unit ~~means~~ is adapted to display a display image frame of information based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~ and an operation image frame for input by said instruction input unit ~~means~~.

4. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said display unit ~~means~~ is adapted to display~~, in distinguished manner,~~ a first display information to be displayed in place for the operation image frame for input by said instruction input unit ~~means~~, based on the data received from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~, and a second display information to be displayed in the operation image frame.

5. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein said control unit ~~means~~ receives, by MIB (management information base), data for the information to be displayed by said display unit ~~means~~, and executes reception from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~ according to SNMP (simple network management protocol).

6. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein said control unit ~~means~~ receives, as electronic mail data, data of the information to be displayed by said display unit ~~means~~, from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said control unit ~~means~~ receives data of the information to be displayed by said display unit ~~means~~, according to SMTP (simple mail transfer protocol)/POP (post office protocol).

8. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein said display unit ~~means~~ is capable of displaying information of plural display colors, and said control unit ~~means~~ is adapted to vary the display color according to the priority contained in the data received from the external device through said connection unit ~~means~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising accumulation unit ~~means~~ for storing plural files, wherein said control unit ~~means~~ is adapted to cause said display unit ~~means~~ to display information indicating the file accumulated in said accumulation unit ~~means~~, with different display color according to the attribute of the file.

10 -14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) A control method for a data processing apparatus ~~comprising~~ capable of executing a predetermined process based on a manual instruction by the operator and displaying various information on a display device, comprising:

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from an external device;

a discrimination step of discriminating whether the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for a predetermined period after the input of the predetermined instruction was input by the operator; and

a control step of causing said display device to execute display information based on the data received in said reception step, in case said discrimination step ~~judges~~ discriminates that the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for the predetermined period.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing a program for controlling a data processing apparatus ~~comprising~~ capable of executing a predetermined process based on a manual instruction by the operator and displaying various information on a display device, the program comprising:

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from an external device;

a discrimination step of discriminating whether the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for a predetermined period <u>after the input of the predetermined instruction was input by the operator</u>; and

a control step of causing said display device to execute display information based on the data received in said reception step, in case said discrimination step ~~judges~~ <u>discriminates</u> that the input of the instruction by the operator has not been executed for the predetermined period.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)